

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HONORING GAYE LeBARON

## HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2001*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my good friend and a true Sonoma County legend, Gaye LeBaron.

Ms. LeBaron is stepping down as a daily columnist with the Press Democrat newspaper in Santa Rosa after nearly 46 years with the paper.

She began her career in journalism in 1951 as a correspondent with the Sonoma Index Tribune. She joined the Press Democrat as a student intern in 1955 and graduated to cub reporter in 1957. Over the years she has performed almost every job in the newsroom. She began writing her Press Democrat column in 1959 and it has since become a daily staple in the lives of thousands of Sonoma County readers.

Gaye LeBaron embodies the county's collective memory. She has written on both events she has witnessed and experienced and on the county's colorful and more distant past.

She co-authored a two-volume history of Santa Rosa and Sonoma County and edited a third volume on Sonoma County in the 19th Century. Her class on the History of Sonoma County at Santa Rosa Junior College is one of the most popular offerings each semester.

To her colleagues at the paper, she was the newsroom's "go-to-guy" who could tell them when a highway opened, or how a local landmark got its name or whether an obituary should run on page one.

To her readers she was an artist who painted broad word pictures of how the county once was and made us all feel part of the continuum of history.

But there was another side to Gaye LeBaron. Many of her columns reflected her keen observations of the contemporary political and social landscape, often seen through the eyes of her acerbic informant, "Sam the Shark." Whether a literary device or Sonoma County's own "Deep Throat," Sam asked the questions that more dignified people perhaps would not and together Sam and Gaye stirred the debate and moved us forward.

Mr. Speaker, Gaye LeBaron has received a multitude of awards and acknowledgments. She is revered in her community and is a giant in her profession. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor her today for her long and distinguished career and for her many accomplishments.

HONORING CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON  
OF THE LADY BLUE DEVILS

## HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2001*

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the championship season of the Jackson County Lady Blue Devils. The Lady Blue Devils recently won a second straight Class AA girls basketball state championship.

Residents of Jackson County, Tennessee, can be proud of their Lady Blue Devils. The team went 22–10 this season and showed remarkable perseverance and resilience. Just hours before the team beat their opponents by a 46–42 score, the mother of senior guard Sarah Gipson died after a two-year fight with cancer.

The team played with guts and determination despite Sarah's heart-wrenching loss. Sarah's mother, the former Dianne Spivey, was a member of the school's state championship team in 1973.

I commend the team and its coach, Jim Brown, for a fine season and gutsy win. The following are members of the 2000–2001 state champion Lady Blue Devils: Candace Stafford, Courtney Childress, Kayla Olson, Becca Focer, Sarah Gipson, Sheena Hager, Jennifer Harris, Ashley Hopkins, Amanda Naff, Deanna Apple, Andrea Davidson, Emily Lane, Marissa Hensley, Megan Pepper, Alyssa Bowman, managers Lucy Anderson, Stephene Clayton, Faith Henshaw, Lacy Sircy, and trainer Shawn Moffitt. Kevin Bray and Barbara Brown also serve as the team's assistant coaches.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INVESTOR  
AND CAPITAL MARKETS FEE RE-  
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## HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2001*

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I applaud my colleagues Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. BAKER, Mrs. KELLY, and Mrs. MALONEY for introducing legislation that is vitally important to every American investor indeed, to every American business seeking access to our capital markets. It's called the Investor and Capital Markets Fee Relief Act, and it will save investors and market participants \$14 billion dollars over the next ten years.

Congress must take action. If nothing is done to stop the flow of investors' cash into government coffers, more than \$24 billion overcharges will be collected over the next ten years.

This fee Relief legislation reduces fees to a level more consistent with Congress's original

intent. Fees will recover the Commission's costs of supervising the markets, but they will no longer be a burdensome tax on investors and capital formation.

The bill reduces all excess SEC fees: transaction, registration, merger/tender, single stock futures, and the trust indenture fee. The fee relief bill provides a stable funding structure for the SEC by ensuring that appropriators have sufficient funds to meet the agency's funding needs.

The fee relief bill also includes a pay parity provision to help the Commission attract and retain first-rate attorneys, accountants, and economists. In the post-Gramm-Leach-Bliley financial services world, SEC professionals performing the same work as their colleagues in the banking agencies should receive similar compensation.

I would like to commend our colleagues in the other Body, specifically Senators PHIL GRAMM and CHUCK SCHUMER, for their excellent work in moving similar legislation, S. 143, through the Senate Banking Committee. I look forward to seeing the Senate act on that legislation soon.

Here in the House, I thank my numerous colleagues from both sides of the aisle who have joined Mr. FOSSELLA as original cosponsors of this legislation and given it such strong bipartisan support right from the start. I look forward to moving this bill through the financial Services Committee expeditiously.

HONORING THE HOPKINTON  
BASKETBALL TEAM

## HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 20, 2001*

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Hopkinton, Massachusetts in celebrating the accomplishments and performance of the Hopkinton High School Girl's Varsity Basketball Team. Their banner season came to a remarkable conclusion on March 13, 2001 at the Fleet Center in Boston where they captured the 2000–2001 Massachusetts Division IV State Championship.

There are many stories of note surrounding this group of remarkable athletes. Of the 15 members of the team, 12 are underclassmen. Such an accomplishment for a team of relatively young women is certainly impressive. Another story is the inspirational play of sophomore forward Meg Davis, who overcame a painful back injury to play in the tournament. In the first half, while the Hillers were trailing the Manchester Hornets, Davis and junior guard Mari Levine, who finished with a team-high 20 points, sparked a critical run, ultimately leading their team to a convincing 61–39 victory.

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